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18. A fence strand retainer clip, comprising:
a first portion and a second portion each made from a non-conducting material, and each having a first end and a second end;

the first end of said second portion being hingedly attached to the first end of said first portion, and said second portion being disposed over said first portion with the second end of said second portion being selectively engageable with the second end of said first portion, and wherein a first fence strand retaining area and a second fence strand retaining area are defined between said first and second portions when the second end of said second portion is engaged with the second end of said first portion; and

a finger disposed between and separating the first fence strand retaining area and the second fence strand retaining area when the second end of said second portion is engaged with the second end of said first portion.

2 19. The fence strand retainer clip according to claim 18, wherein said first fence strand retaining area comprises a generally circular loop, and said second fence strand retaining area comprises a generally rectangular area.

B, 3 20. The fence strand retainer clip according to claim 18, wherein said non-conducting material comprises plastic.

4 21. The fence strand retainer clip according to claim 18, wherein the first fence strand retaining area is located adjacent the first ends of said first and second portions.

5 22. The fence strand retainer clip according to claim 21, wherein the second fence strand retaining area is located between the finger and the second ends of said first and second portions.

6 23. The fence strand retainer clip according to claim 18, wherein the finger extends from said second portion toward the first portion, and said first portion includes a notch therein that receives said finger when the second ends are engaged.

7/24. The fence strand retainer clip according to claim 18, wherein said first portion includes a tapered locking shoulder at the second end thereof, and said second portion includes a tapered locking tab at the second end thereof, said tapered locking shoulder and said tapered locking tab being engaged with each other in order to connect the second ends together.

8/25. The fence strand retainer clip according to claim 24, further including a finger actuated tab connected to the tapered locking tab for permitting release of the engagement between the locking shoulder and the locking tab.

9/26. The fence strand retainer clip according to claim 24, wherein said tapered locking shoulder and said tapered locking tab each include an angled side and a straight side, the angled sides facing each other when the second ends are disengaged and the straight sides facing each other when the second ends are engaged.

10/27. The fence strand retainer clip according to claim 18, wherein said first ends are integrally connected together.

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Sub D₁ 28. A retainer clip for use in retaining fence strand members, comprising:
a first portion and a second portion each made from a non-conducting material, said second portion disposed over, and selectively engageable with, said first portion to define therebetween a first fence strand retaining area and a second fence strand retaining area; and
a member connected to one of the first portion and the second portion for closing off the first fence strand retaining area from the second fence strand retaining area.

12/29. The retainer clip according to claim 28, wherein said first fence strand retaining area comprises a generally circular loop, and said second fence strand retaining area comprises a generally rectangular area.

13/30. The retainer clip according to claim 28, wherein said non-conducting material comprises plastic.